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In re application of

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RICHARD ESTY PETERSON, ESQ.

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R., §1.136(a)
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ON REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 U.S.C. § 1.114**

Applicant respectfully petitions for a two month extension of time to and including May 18, 2006, under 37 C.F.R., §1.136(a). A check in the amount of \$620.00 is enclosed for the extension fee in the amount of \$225.00 plus the RCE fee in the amount of \$395.00.

Claims 2 - 18 were pending in this application, claim 1 having been previously canceled. Claims 11 and 13 - 15 are canceled and claims 2 - 5, 8 - 9, 12, and 16 are amended in this amendment. Claims 2 - 10, 12, and 16 - 18 are thereby pending for examination.

The amendment to the claims is presented in a section entitled, AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS. The remarks are set forth in a separate section entitled, REMARKS.